

## Extra Reading

### Reading about a Music Festival

**A** Scan the text to answer the following questions.

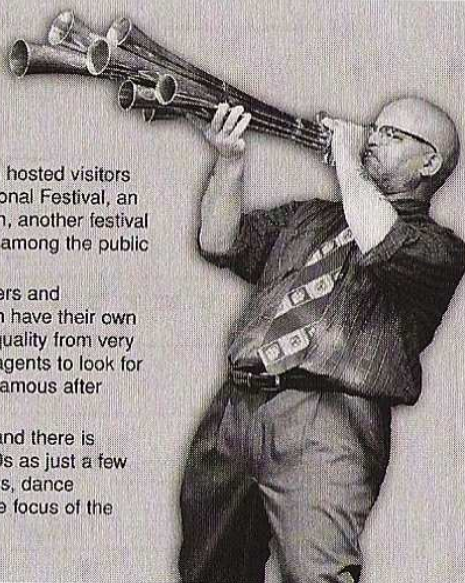
- Which city hosts the Fringe? Edinburgh.
- When did the Fringe shows first appear? late 40s.
- How many different shows are there at the Fringe? over 1500.

## The Fringe

For more than fifty years, the city of Edinburgh in Scotland has hosted visitors every August from all over the world at the Edinburgh International Festival, an exciting and prestigious festival of music and drama. In addition, another festival takes place at the same time, attracting even greater attention among the public and the press. It is known as the Fringe.

Many people regard the Fringe as a place to see new performers and performances. In addition, anyone who can pay a small fee can have their own show. The result is a huge variety of performances ranging in quality from very poor to excellent. The Fringe is also a popular place for talent agents to look for new performers and, consequently, many performers became famous after being spotted at the Fringe.

The Fringe attracts large audiences because it is inexpensive and there is something that appeals to all tastes. What started in the late 40s as just a few theatre performances now includes a variety of over 1,500 plays, dance performances, concerts and comedy shows, the latter being the focus of the Fringe.



**B** Now read the text and complete the sentences.

- An annual international festival of music and drama takes place every August in Edinburgh.
- Talent agents go to the Fringe to look for new performers.
- The Fringe specialises in comedy shows.

**C** Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Find evidence in the text to support your answers.

- F 1. The International Festival and the Fringe are equally popular.  
attracting even greater attention among the public and the press
- T 2. Some of the Fringe shows aren't very good.  
variety of performances ranging in quality from very poor to excellent
- F 3. The first shows at the Fringe were concerts.  
What started in the late 40s as just a few theatre performances

**D** Find words or expressions in the text that mean:

- newspapers (line 5) press
- noticed (line 11) spotted
- preferences (line 13) tastes
- last (line 15) latter

## Extra Listening

### Musical Preferences

You are going to hear some teenagers talking about the music they like to listen to. Listen and answer the questions.

- Chanel got 3 CDs .....  
☒ a. for £25  
☐ b. for free  
☐ c. at full price
- Jemeel just bought an album by .....  
☐ a. Avril Lavigne  
☐ b. \*NSync  
☒ c. Eminem
- Jemeel likes Evanescence because .....  
☒ a. it's a combination of different things  
☐ b. he thought they were great in their film  
☐ c. the music isn't too gothic
- Kev works in a .....  
☐ a. record shop  
☒ b. supermarket  
☐ c. music school
- Kev has stopped .....  
☐ a. listening to music  
☒ b. spending money on CDs  
☐ c. downloading music from the Internet
- Kev says that it's legal to download from .....  
☒ a. sites run by record companies only  
☐ b. sites run by individuals only  
☐ c. any site
- Chanel stopped downloading music because .....  
☐ a. the quality was poor  
☐ b. kids in Britain were getting into trouble  
☒ c. she was afraid
- Jemeel doesn't like downloading because .....  
☐ a. he might get caught  
☒ b. it's not fair to the record company  
☐ c. it takes too long
- Chanel thinks that .....  
☒ a. you should buy CDs to support artists  
☐ b. most artists won't make it to number one  
☐ c. CDs are too expensive
- Kev thinks that Chanel .....  
☐ a. paid too much for her CDs  
☒ b. got a good price on the CDs  
☐ c. should buy CDs in the supermarket